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SUBJECT: L'UNITA REQUEST FOR OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES

REF: ROME 18204 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED A LETTER OF WELCOME FROM LUCA PAVOLINI, DIRECTOR OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY DAILY L'UNITA. PAVOLINI USED THE OCCASION OF THE LETTER TO SOLICIT A RESPONSE TO L'UNITA'S REQUEST FOR A VISA (SIC) FOR ALBERTO JACOVIELLO FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPENING A PERMANENT OFFICE FOR THE NEWSPAPER IN THE UNITED STATES. PAVOLINI NOTES RATHER SARCASTICALLY THAT THE REQUEST HAS BEEN PENDING FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AND EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN RESPONSE WILL BE POSITIVIE "IN THE INTEREST OF A BETTER RECIPROCAL KNOWLEDGE."

2. WE BELIEVE THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO MOVE ON THIS PROBLEM. THE APPROACH OF THE BELGRADE CSCE
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FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE MAKES OUR CONTINUED DELAY IN RESPONDING NOT ONLY EMBARRASSING BUT SUBJECT TO SEVERE CRITICISM, PRECISELY AT A MOMENT WHEN A PREMIUM IS BEING PLACED ON THE MANNER IN WHICH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES HAVE LIVED UP TO THE VARIOUS OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN AT HELSINKI. ADDITIONALLY, OUR REFUSAL TO BUDGE ON THE ISSUE, CONTINUES TO HAVE A

DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON OUR PUBLIC IMAGE IN ITALY AS THE SUBJECT IS PERIODICALLY BANTERED ABOUT IN THE PRESS AS AN EXAMPLE OF OUR INCONSISTENCY IN ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN ATTEMPTING TO PROJECT AMERICA AS AN OPEN SOCIETY.

3. PAVOLINI LETTER IS ERRONEOUS IN STATING THAT JACOVIELLO, OR L'UNITA ON HIS BEHALF, HAS APPLIED FOR A VISA TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES. IN POINT OF FACT, PREVIOUS APPROACHES BOTH BY JACOVIELLO DIRECTLY AND BY PAVOLINI IN WRITTEN MANNER, HAVE CENTERED AROUND THE QUESTION OF US ATTITUDE TOWARD THE OPENING OF A L'UNITA OFFICE IN US AND DID NOT ADDRESS SPECIFIC VISA APPLICATION.

4. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, WE PROPOSE TO HAVE EMBASSY PRESS ATTACHE RESPOND TO PAVOLINI'S LETTER. ATTACHE'S LETTER WOULD REFER TO PREVIOUS EXCHANGES REGARDING OPENING OF L'UNITA OFFICE IN THE US AND SUGGEST THAT JACOVIELLO FORMALLY APPLY FOR A VISA AT HIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. WE COULD ADD, IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, THAT USG IN PRINCIPLE DOES NOT OPPOSE OPENING OF A L'UNITA OFFICE IN THE US. SINCE JACOVIELLO HAS INDICATED PRIVATELY TO FRIENDS THAT HE WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN IN ITALY FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS TO SEE HOW PCI WORKS OUT INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND HOW GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION EVOLVES, MONKEY WOULD THEN BE ON L'UNITA BACK FOR ANY FURTHER DELAY IN PROCEEDING ON

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